

Benefit Calculation		MATRIX
Basis of Calculation: Average Heating Cost & Annual Income Information Required: Average Heating Cost from the Matrix, and Total 3 Month Income		Any Fuel Type
3 Month Income		(3 Month Income) x4
Annual Income		
12 Month Energy Costs		Average Cost from the Matrix
July-Sept Cooling Costs		
Oct-June Heating Costs		
% Energy Burden		(Oct-June Cost) / (Annual Income)
Low Base Benefit		(Oct-June Cost) x 18%
Median Base Benefit		(Oct-June Cost) x 24%
High Base Benefit		(Oct-June Cost) x 31%
Low Benefit & Target \$		(Base Benefit) + (\$25 Target Bonus)
Median Benefit & Target \$		
High Benefit & Target \$		
Subsidized Housing		(Oct-June Cost) x 18%
Subsidized & Target \$		(Sub. Hous. Benefit) + (\$25 Target Bonus)

the following demographic conditions: 1) One or more household members will be 60 years old or older by next September 30. 2) One or more household members are disabled. 3) One or more household members are younger than six years old by the date of the application. The maximum number of target designations per household is 2.

The energy burden is the percent of the participant's income that was used to pay heating costs. Participants that have 0% to 5% energy burden receive the lowest base benefit. Participants that have 6% to 10% energy burden receive the median base benefit. Participants that have 11% or greater energy burden receive the high base benefit.

People that live in government subsidized housing always receive the low base benefit regardless of their energy burden.

Benefit Calculation Summary

General Benefit Calculation Steps			
Calculate Total 3 Month Income			
Calculate Annual Income			
Determine Heating Costs (Actual)			
Determine % Energy Burden & Burden Factors			
Calculate Benefit			
Add Target Bonus (if applicable)			
Calculating 3 Month Income			
•Paychecks			
(weekly paycheck) x 12.9 = (3 month employment income)			
(bi-weekly paycheck) x 6.45 = (3 month employment income)			
(two days a month paycheck) x 6 = (3 month employment income)			
•Benefits (TAFI, SSI/AABD, Social Security)			
(monthly benefit) x 3 = (3 month benefit income)			
•Self Employment			
(HW 0476 line 20) / 4 = (3 month self-employment income)			
•Child Support			
(quarterly payment) = (3 month income)			
(monthly payment) x 3 = (3 month income)			
(annual payment) / 4 = (3 month income)			
•Interest Income			
(annual interest) / 4 = (3 month interest income)			
Calculating Annual Income			
(Total of all 3 month incomes) x 4 = (annual income)			
Determination of Heating Costs			
Using Average Cost Matrix			
Information Needed	Htg. Area, Fuel Type		
To Find Htg. Cost	Match Info. on Matrix Table		
Fuel Type	Any		
Calculating Heating Costs	No Calculation		
Calculating % Energy Burden			
(9 Mo. Heating Cost) / (Annual Income) = % Energy Burden			
Calculating Base Benefit			
(9 Mo. Heating Cost) x (Energy Burden Factor) = (Base Benefit)			
Burden Thresholds	0% to 5.4%	5.5% to 10.4%	10.5% to 15.4%
Burden Factors	0.15	0.16	0.22
Adding the Target Bonus (Maximum 2 per Household)			
(Base Benefit) + \$25			